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Robert Hixson
1242 36th Avenue
San Francisco, California 94122

The Honorable Diane Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20554

RE: FCC NPR Docket 92-235

Dear Senator Feinstein:

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making which would make the hobby of flying model air planes and other models controlled by radios very dangerous, if not impossible.

Currently radio control(RC) modelers, like me, share the frequencies with other users but the other users stay far enough away from each other on the 72-75 megahertz frequencies so as to cause no harm. The FCC rule would put mobile pagers right smack on top of the RC model frequencies, when you consider the manufacturing tolerances. For example, Model frequency 14 is 72.070, the next Model frequency 15 is 72.090, the proposal would insert a mobile pager at 72.0725 and 72.075 (the commercial user is now at 72.080). Further this mobile pager would be permitted four times the transmitting power of the modeler which would easily over power the model. Also the fact that the pager would be mobile adds another level of danger as the modeler would never know when a pager would intrude possibly with fatal consequences. I already have to carry a one million dollar liability insurance policy to be able to fly a model airplane.

RC models provide an important recreational activity for at least several hundred thousand Americans (perhaps into the low millions if all were counted). RC models have developed some new technology that has been used for national security purposes. I have been building RC models for over 25 years and can supply detail if you request. RC is a socially accepted activity to our

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Sincerely,



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Alan D. Sharky
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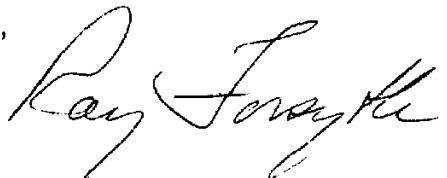
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Covina, CA 91722

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Joe A. H. 265048

The Honorable Diane Feinstein
United States Senate

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January 26, 1993

Richard A. ...

The Honorable Diane Feinstein
U.S. Senate

January 26, 1993

Dear Senator:

42574 Isle Royal St.
Fremont, CA 94538
1993 FEB 12 AM 10:28 February 9, 1993

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

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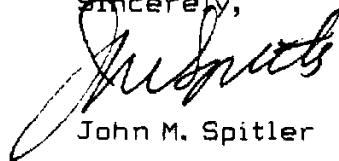
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Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet and may weigh as much as 40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build, but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators and spectators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in

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Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for overcrowding the 72-76 MHz radio band.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "John M. Spitler".

John M. Spitler

Ms. DIANNE FEINSTEIN - SENATOR

The Honorable

2/8/93

Dear DIANNE

I am involved with the sport of Radio Controlled modeling. I am presently a member of the Bayside Radio Control Club in Fremont, California. Our club has over 270 members. I enjoy the building and the flying of R/C aircraft. In the beginning of 1991, we underwent the changing of all our Radio equipment to insure that we met the new guidelines set forth by the FCC and to keep our hobby safe. I presently own 4 Radio control systems and 18 different models and I have a workshop full of products, equipment, and projects necessary to operate my aircraft.

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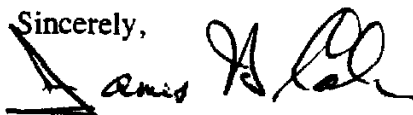
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I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to expand the operation conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of the radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radio, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. It is a sizable industry that must be saved from these detrimental FCC actions. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to hundreds of thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal PR Docket 92-235 for the 72-76 MHz band. We all need your help urgently because the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993 after which it may become more difficult to avoid halting these proposals from going into effect.

Sincerely,



JAMES H. COBURN
AMA# A4005

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United States Senate

February 3 1993

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If the proposed PR Docket 92-235 is passed it will render my radio equipment unusable. I have a considerable investment in equipment as do many thousands of other radio control model enthusiasts. We just went through a frequency update by the FCC as of January 1991 which required us to either purchase new equipment or have our existing equipment modified to comply with the new ruling. This was an expensive exercise. Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies causing interference that can destroy our aircraft through control loss. We go to great lengths to ensure the safety of the operators, bystanders and protection of personal property.

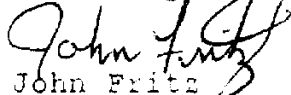
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Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,



John Fritz
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V.A.F.B., Ca. 93437

1993 FEB -8 PM 1:21

The Honorable Diane Feinstein
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

31 Jan 93

Maam:

I am writing to inform you of my concern over the proposed PR
Docket 92-235. This rule restructures the radio frequency band
inserting new commercial mobile frequencies between 72 and 75
MHz. At first, this appears to fall into the "who cares"
category, but after you hear my concerns, I hope you will see the

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331 Hart Senate Office Building
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January 21, 1993

1993 FEB -8 PM 1:19

Subject: FCC NPRM Pr Docket 92-235

Verl W. Jones
4356 Willow Creek Ln.
Alhambra, Ca 92545

Dear Senator Feinstein:

Let me begin by congratulating you on your recent election. Here's hoping things will change for the better in Washington. I am writing to request your assistance in the rejection of the subject proposal presently before the F.C.C. for adoption.

During the last five years we in the Radio Control Model hobby were required to replace all our equipment because the F.C.C. decreased our frequency spacing from 20 Khz to 10 Khz. The equipment replacement was very expensive and now they would all be obsoleted by this docket changing the spacing to 2.5 Khz.

Most of us have been interested in Radio Controlled Models for over thirty years and we spend much of our leisure time trying to help the younger generation to learn what a great hobby-sport this is. Certainly this wonderful pastime offers young people a great alternative to drugs, for this reason alone it is worthwhile.

This proposal, if adopted, would preclude the safe operation of model aircraft and make the operators subject to litigation for accidents caused by radio interference. The models I fly are large, fast, and expensive, therefore I take every precaution to operate them safely. There is no precaution I could take to prevent an accident caused by radio interference by another radio broadcasting perhaps miles away on a frequency only 2.5 Khz. away from my radio.

It is for the reasons I have stated that the proposals in FCC. NPRM PR Docket 92-235 to add frequencies between model and commercial frequencies not be adopted.

Sincerely *Verl W. Jones*

February 4, 1993

The Honorable Diane Feinstein
US Senate Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

93 FEB -9 AM 9:58

Re: FCC Rule Making, PR Docket 92-235

Dear Senator Feinstein,

I am a radio control (R/C) model airplane enthusiast and derive many hours of enjoyment constructing and flying these aircraft. This is a hobby requiring lots of expensive and sophisticated equipment, for which I have invested plenty.

I am very concerned about a proposed rule currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that jeopardizes my investment and hobby. If adopted, the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents caused by in-flight signal interruption from land mobil units.

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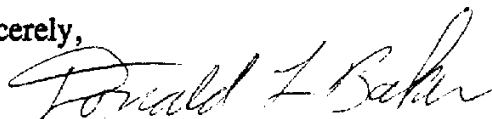
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TURLOCK, CA. 95380

Paul G. Gordon
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Sincerely, 

DAVID W. COLLURA
1934 ROCK ST. APT. 6
M+VIEW, CA. 94043

Feb 4 1993

Dear Mrs. Feinstein

This is in regard to the
proposal by the FCC to reduce
the usability of radio frequencies

each plus my time involved.

I sure would hate to crash
one of these because of radio
frequency that is too close to
a car phone or some other frequency.
This is what they are wanting to do.

They just changed everything as
of Jan 1991 where we had to
upgrade a radio, a cost of
\$50 to \$95 per radio, a radio original
cost of \$130⁰⁰ minimum.

Please vote against this
PR Docket 92-235

Very Sincerely
Gary L. Smith

Gary & Dolores Smith
3800 W. Wilson, Sp. 320
Banning, CA 92220

93 FEB -9 10:11:04

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate

January 29 1993

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Lee Hall

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Dear Senator Feinstein:

Let me begin by congratulating you on your recent election. Here's hoping things will change for the better in Washington. I am writing to request your assistance in the rejection of the subject proposal presently before the F.C.C. for adoption.

During the last five years we in the Radio Control Model hobby were required to replace all our equipment because the F.C.C. decreased our frequency spacing from 20 Khz to 10 Khz. The equipment replacement was very expensive and now they would all be obsoleted by this docket changing the spacing to 2.5 Khz.

Most of us have been interested in Radio Controlled Models for over thirty years and we spend much of our leisure time trying to help the younger generation to learn what a great hobby-sport this is. Certainly this wonderful pastime offers young people a great alternative to drugs, for this reason alone it is worthwhile.

This proposal, if adopted, would preclude the safe operation of model aircraft and make the operators subject to litigation for accidents caused by radio interference. The models I fly are large, fast, and expensive, therefore I take every precaution to operate them safely. There is no precaution I could take to prevent an accident caused by radio interference by another radio broadcasting perhaps miles away on a frequency only 2.5 Khz. away from my radio.

It is for the reasons I have stated that the proposals in FCC. NPRM PR Docket 92-235 to add frequencies between model and commercial frequencies not be adopted.

Sincerely

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SUBJECT: Proposed Rule Change FCC PR Docket 92-235, Land Mobile Radio Frequency Bands

I am a retired Aerospace Engineer since July 1990. I spent 40 years working for McDonnell-Douglas on the design and development of military aircraft. I continue my interest in aviation by building and flying radio-controlled model aircraft.

I am a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics whose interest and goals are the enjoyment of flying model aircraft in a safe environment. The AMA, a group of some 165,000 modelers has continually monitored itself and developed safety standards to provide a safe flying environment for the flyers and to the community at large. These safety standards are of particular concern to me since I must fly my models in an urban area (Long Beach-Los Angeles). Our flying sites are in areas surrounded by housing, commercial areas and freeways, consequently flight safety is doubly important and a critical requirement to maintain the use of the flying sites which are on public lands.

These are the reasons I am very concerned about the proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission, FCC. The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. At present, our radio control frequencies in this band for controlling our model aircraft are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. This proposed change will cause many of the land mobile frequencies to move closer to our radio control frequencies and cause interference to our radio control operations. We would be forced to abandon those frequencies in the interest of safety. The frequencies remaining for the modelers would become so congested that it would greatly decrease the margin of safety that we have developed over the years.

When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we do so under very restrictive procedures so that we don't get signal interference. Interference means we lose control of the model which could cause personal injury and/or property damage, not to mention the loss of the model which can be very expensive. Please understand that the trend is toward larger models with wing spans up to ten feet and model weights as much as 40 pounds. A model of this size can certainly cause property damage or serious injury if the operator loses control due to radio signal interference.

We need separation of our frequencies and the number of frequencies assigned to us under the current FCC rules to maintain a safe flying environment.

I fully realize that land mobile radio is important to business, but there must be a better solution that will not jeopardize the safe flying of thousands of radio-controlled models by people like myself.

The State of California has many organized events and contests where hundreds of model operators participate because we have the open areas and climate needed to hold these events.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my hobby by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,


Richard M. Stammerjohn